

# Arkansas

## Prospective Plantings Report

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This report contains the results from the *March Agricultural Survey*, conducted during the first two weeks of March to obtain information on crop acreage planned for the 2007 crop year. The data are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above, and in a more detailed U.S. statistics at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and interviews for the survey.

### Arkansas Planting Intentions, 2007 Crop Year

For 2007, Arkansas farmers intend to shift acreage from cotton, rice, and soybeans to corn, sorghum, and wheat.

**Corn:** Arkansas corn growers intend to plant 560,000 acres, compared to last year's 190,000 acres. This is the largest corn acreage planted in the State since 1956, when 685,000 acres were planted in Arkansas.

**Cotton:** All cotton acreage intentions are at 830,000 acres, down 29 percent from last year's 1.17 million acres.

**Rice:** Intended acres for all rice for 2007 planting are 1.22 million, down 13 percent from the previous year's 1.4 million acres.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum growers intend to plant a crop over 3 times larger than they did in 2006, with an estimated 200,000 acres to be planted in Arkansas in the 2007 growing year.

**Soybeans:** Soybean growers intend to plant 2.90 million acres in 2007, a 7 percent reduction from the previous year.

**Wheat:** Wheat acreage in Arkansas is up 119 percent from last year's acreage planted with 800,000 acres planted for 2007.

**All Hay:** All hay acres expected to be harvested in Arkansas are estimated at 1.53 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the largest hay area harvested in Arkansas history.

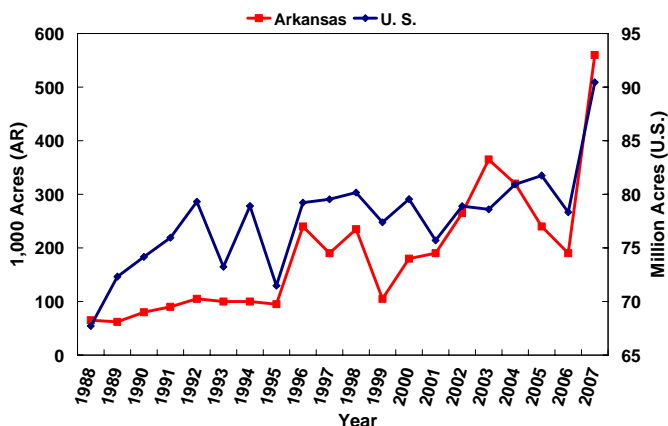
### Area Planted, Arkansas and United States, 2006-2007

Crop	Arkansas			United States		
	2006	2007 <sup>1</sup>	% Change from `06	2006	2007 <sup>1</sup>	% Change from `06
	1,000 Acres			1,000 Acres		
Corn	190	560	+ 195	78,327	90,454	+ 15
Cotton, All	1,170	830	- 29	15,274	12,147	- 20
Hay, All, (Harvested)	1,465	1,530 <sup>2</sup>	+ 4	60,807	63,056 <sup>2</sup>	+ 4
Rice, All	1,406	1,221	- 13	2,838	2,644	- 7
Long Grain	1,300	1,130	- 13	2,200	2,016	- 8
Medium Grain	105	90	- 14	577	562	- 3
Short Grain	1	1	-	61	66	+ 8
Sorghum	63	200	+ 217	6,522	7,109	+ 9
Soybeans	3,110	2,900	- 7	75,522	67,140	- 11
Wheat, All	365	800	+ 119	57,344	60,303	+ 5

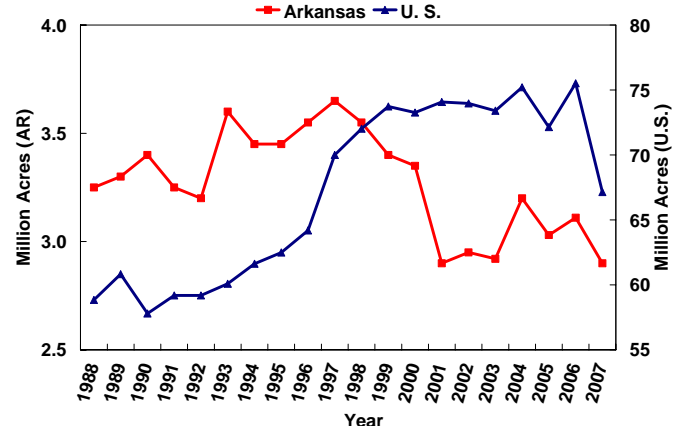
<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2007 as indicated by reports from producers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area for harvest in 2007 as indicated by reports from producers.

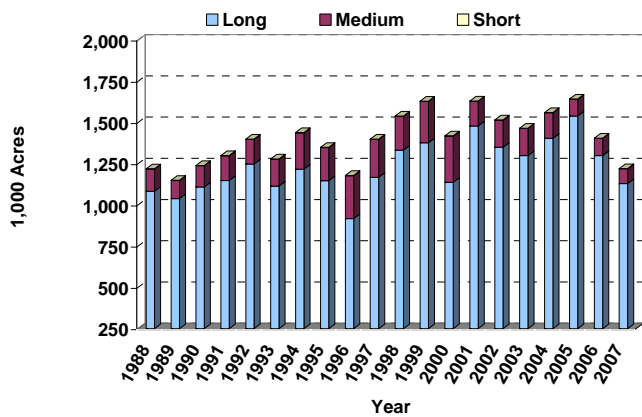
**Corn Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U. S., 1988-2007**



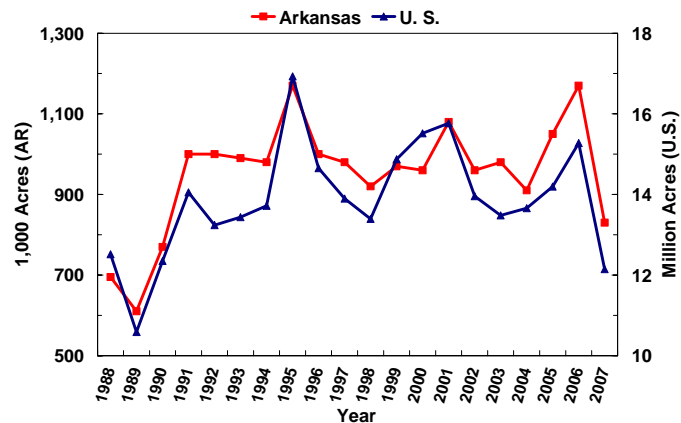
**Soybean Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U. S., 1988-2007**



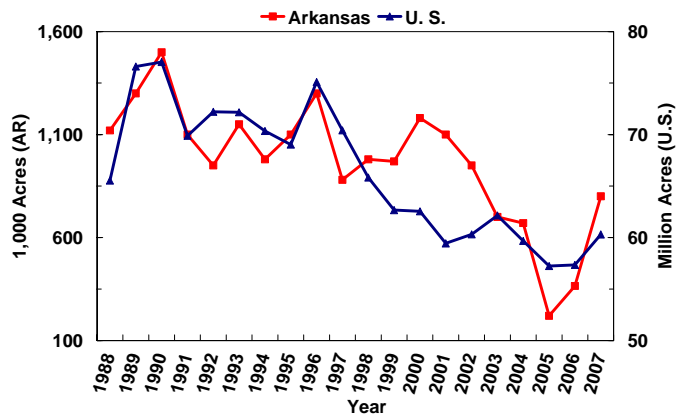
Rice Planted Acreage, Arkansas, 1988-2007



Cotton Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U. S., 1988-2007



Wheat Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U. S., 1988-2007



All Hay Harvested Acreage, Arkansas and U. S., 1988-2007

